



HUDSON

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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Located only 28 miles from Boston, Hudson is a quiet community of hard-working citizens which offers the beauty of a semi-rural New England town as well as the convenience of a metropolitan suburb. Bisected by the Assabet River, Hudson also hosts numerous streams and two major lakes within its 11 square mile area. Home to several working farms, Hudson is also an economically well-developed community with a wide range of mature industry, including Digital Equipment Corporation's semi-conductor manufacturing facility. As Hudson is situated at the eastern-most terminus of Route 290, with two exits directly off Interstate 495, the town is accessible to the major cities in eastern Massachusetts and reflects the housing patterns of many of the communities along the Route 495 beltway. A combination of older affordable houses, condominiums and newer houses provide a variety of housing options for those wishing to settle in the area. Hudson's schools are well supported by the community, and open town meeting government continues to provide Hudson's citizens with the opportunity for enthusiastic involvement in local affairs. Reflecting the basic forthright values of a small New England town, Hudson is an unpretentious community with a strong sense of tradition, a tolerance for differences and a willingness to embrace change.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Berlin on the west, Bolton and Stow on the north, Sudbury on the east, and Marlborough on the south. Hudson is 18 miles northeast of Worcester, 19 miles south of Fitchburg, 28 miles west of Boston, and 196 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 11.85 sq. miles

Land Area: 11.51 sq. miles

Population: 17,233

Density: 1,497 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Hudson, Maynard, Marlborough

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 562-9963

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1866

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	9,553		
Democrats	2,359	24.7	%
Republicans	1,156	12.1	%
Other parties	5	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	6,033	63.2	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Hudson town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	18,113	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	18,113	100.0
Male.....	8,956	49.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	554	3.1
Female.....	9,157	50.6	Mexican.....	108	0.6
Under 5 years.....	1,192	6.6	Puerto Rican.....	154	0.9
5 to 9 years.....	1,266	7.0	Cuban.....	16	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,196	6.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	276	1.5
15 to 19 years.....	1,027	5.7	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	17,559	96.9
20 to 24 years.....	878	4.8	White alone.....	16,715	92.3
25 to 34 years.....	2,682	14.8	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,383	18.7	Total population.....	18,113	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,599	14.3	In households.....	17,985	99.3
55 to 59 years.....	913	5.0	Householder.....	6,990	38.6
60 to 64 years.....	763	4.2	Spouse.....	3,965	21.9
65 to 74 years.....	1,270	7.0	Child.....	5,531	30.5
75 to 84 years.....	760	4.2	Own child under 18 years.....	4,074	22.5
85 years and over.....	184	1.0	Other relatives.....	742	4.1
Median age (years).....	37.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	197	1.1
18 years and over.....	13,766	76.0	Nonrelatives.....	757	4.2
Male.....	6,692	36.9	Unmarried partner.....	357	2.0
Female.....	7,074	39.1	In group quarters.....	128	0.7
21 years and over.....	13,260	73.2	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	2,652	14.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	128	0.7
65 years and over.....	2,214	12.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	886	4.9	Total households.....	6,990	100.0
Female.....	1,328	7.3	Family households (families).....	4,845	69.3
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,237	32.0
One race.....	17,754	98.0	Married-couple family.....	3,965	56.7
White.....	17,048	94.1	With own children under 18 years.....	1,799	25.7
Black or African American.....	165	0.9	Female householder, no husband present.....	642	9.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	23	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	326	4.7
Asian.....	254	1.4	Nonfamily households.....	2,145	30.7
Asian Indian.....	126	0.7	Householder living alone.....	1,761	25.2
Chinese.....	74	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	663	9.5
Filipino.....	11	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,394	34.2
Japanese.....	4	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,653	23.6
Korean.....	18	0.1	Average household size.....	2.57	(X)
Vietnamese.....	11	0.1	Average family size.....	3.11	(X)
Other Asian ¹	10	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	0.1	Total housing units.....	7,168	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	9	-	Occupied housing units.....	6,990	97.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	178	2.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	24	0.3
Some other race.....	254	1.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	359	2.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.1	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	6,990	100.0
White.....	17,386	96.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,964	71.0
Black or African American.....	217	1.2	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,026	29.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	84	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.78	(X)
Asian.....	296	1.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.08	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	40	0.2			
Some other race.....	467	2.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	142
Conventional Federal:	92

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	29
Federal (Section 8):	44



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Hudson is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 62 and 85 and Interstate Route 495.

Rail

Hudson has no freight or passenger rail service, but the network of intermodal facilities serving eastern Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Hudson is not affiliated with a regional transit authority. Gulbankian Bus Lines provides service to 4 locations in Boston, and one round trip to Framingham Shoppers World on Saturday only.

Other

Minute Man Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility located in Stow, is easily accessible. It has a 1,600'x 50' gravel runway and a 2,743'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Hudson Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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